

**Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee**  
**4141 N. Third Street - Phoenix AZ 85012**  
**July 30, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Arizona State Veteran Home, Room A107**

**M I N U T E S**

**Committee Members Present**

Joe Bibich (phone)  
Carol Culbertson  
Jay Gordon (Left mtg. at 2:50)  
George Cushing  
Mike Klier  
Randy Meyer  
Kathy Pearce  
Jody Reidenhour

**Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Col. Joey Strickland, Director (Left mtg. at 1:30)  
Gabe Forsberg, Plans & Development Manager  
Diane D'Angelo, Outreach Coordinator

**Absent**

John Aldecoa  
Marcos Andrade  
Margy Bons  
Charles McCarty

**Other Attendees**

Jeff Dollins, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order**

Quorum was established and Committee Chair Joe Bibich called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Minutes from the July 9, 2008. Regular and Executive Session meetings were approved.

**ARS § 41-608.04 and MFRF Rules/Eligibility**

Committee Chair Bibich asked Assistant Attorney General Jeff Dollins to discuss the impact of SB 1169 failure to become law. Mr. Dollins noted that SB 1169 eliminated the need for the rules-making process for the Military Family Relief Fund and Advisory Committee; rules will now have to be made. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services staff will draft the rules with assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee. The rules will then be submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council for approval.

**Military Family Relief Fund Policy Review**

The Committee voted to amend the current policy, striking language related to SB 1169.

**Recommendations**

In the matter of MFRF applicants Christine Stephenson and Mikiko Wind, the Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee recommends non-approval based on the Committee's understanding of the statute as written.

**Donation Fund and Promotional Campaign Update**

Diane D'Angelo reported that as of 7/30/08, ADVS has received \$72,564 from 287 donors.

The Famous Dave's event was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Peoria, Mesa and Chandler. John Erlandson's restaurants will donate \$2000 from the sale of BBQ Tours menu items. Event

volunteers collected approximately \$3000 from diners and countless MFRF brochures were distributed.

ADVS is partnering with Sonoran Bank to raise money for MFRF. The bank purchased tickets for the August 28th Phoenix Mercury Game at US Airways Arena. Volunteers will be needed to staff the event.

Ms. D'Angelo passed along copies of a MFRF article that Secretary Cushing placed in the American Legion Post #29 Newsletter.

Secretary Cushing has compiled a spreadsheet of MFRF corporate/community outreach. Committee members are asked to notify Secretary Cushing of their outreach efforts to avoid redundancy.

### **Standardized Meeting Time**

The Committee voted to meet twice monthly to review applications and complete other business. The meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (subject to cancellation with no MFRF applications) at 10 a.m. Committee Member Jay Gordon regrettably stepped down from Committee service due to scheduling conflicts.

### **Adjournment**

Committee Chair Bibich adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.